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of NONE**



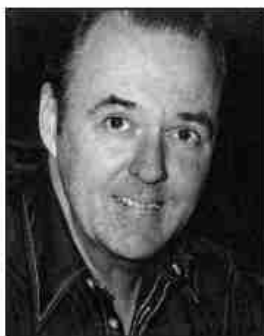
Oliver Coats - 19" Lame

JOE SINNOTT
1926-2020

Sinnott earned his first comics assignment in 1950. After apprenticing under *Lone Ranger* artist Tom Gill, he began to get work from Atlas Comics (which later became Marvel) in 1951. As the decade progressed, he penciled stories in just about every genre.

From 1965 until 1981, Sinnott embellished nearly every single issue of *Fantastic Four* and from artist to artist maintained a look and feel that conveyed a sense of continuity and familiarity. The fans loved it, and the artist became well known for his work. He had many other milestones along the way, including inks on *Captain America*, *Thor* and *Silver Surfer*.

Sinnott possessed the slickest line in comics, and his incredible brush control and innate artistic ability elevated the work of every penciler he worked in concert with, be they novice or superstar.



THE GOLDEN CITY OF ASGARD.

THE THRONE ROOM OF KING THOR.

LATER...



And then...

...it was done.



NORRIN.



THOR. I
APOLOGIZE FOR MY
INTERRUPTION...

I CAME
AS SOON AS
I HEARD...

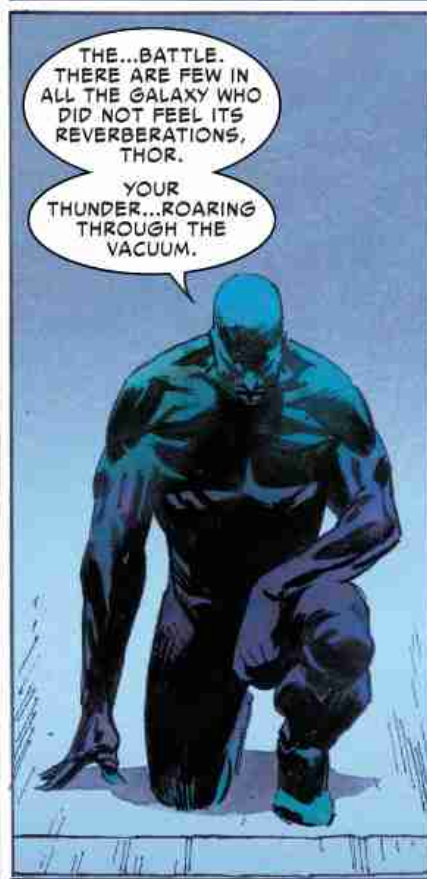
ARE
YOU--



TIRED?
DRUNK?

IMMENSELY. WHAT
IS IT I CAN DO
FOR YOU?

WHAT IS IT YOU...
THINK YOU'VE
HEARD?



THE...BATTLE.
THERE ARE FEW IN
ALL THE GALAXY WHO
DID NOT FEEL ITS
REVERBERATIONS,
THOR.

YOUR
THUNDER...ROARING
THROUGH THE
VACUUM.



ALSO...THE
BIFROST.

ONE CANNOT HELP
BUT NOTE THE NEW...
ADDITIONS TO THE...
ARCHITECTURE...



AH, YES.
THAT.

IT SEEMED
FITTING.



SIF TELLS
ME YOU HAVE BEEN
IN ISOLATION FOR
MONTHS NOW.

THAT YOU
HAVE NOT
SPOKEN OF
THE BATTLE
OR OF...

IT WAS MY
HOPE...

...THAT
I MAY BE OF
SERVICE. AS ONE
WHO HAS BEEN WHERE
YOU HAVE BEEN. WHO
HAS SEEN WHAT
YOU HAVE--



NO ONE HAS SEEN
WHAT I HAVE SEEN,
NORRIN.

IT IS MINE
TO CARRY.
ALONE.

HEAVY
IS THE HEAD
THEN...

AYE...

...AND
HEAVIER
BY THE
DAY.



THOR. I KNOW THIS MUST HAVE
BEEN AN ARDUOUS JOURNEY.
BUT AS SOMEONE WHO HAS
TRAVERSED ALL OF TIME
AND SPACE...

PLEASE BELIEVE ME
THAT HIDING IT AWAY
WILL HELP NO ONE.
LEAST OF ALL
YOU.

PLEASE...
BROTHER...

...WHAT
HAPPENED?
WHAT HAVE
YOU SEEN?

THOR

“THE DEVOURER KING” PART SIX “HERALD OF NONE”

THOR RECENTLY BECAME THE ALL-FATHER OF ASGARD, BUT HE BARELY HAD TIME TO SETTLE INTO HIS NEW ROLE BEFORE GALACTUS IMBUED HIM WITH THE POWER COSMIC SO THAT HE COULD HELP DEAL WITH A POWERFUL THREAT:

THE BLACK WINTER, A STAR PLAGUE THAT DESTROYED GALACTUS' ORIGINAL UNIVERSE AND IS NOW COMING TO DESTROY THIS UNIVERSE.

TO STOP IT, GALACTUS SOUGHT FIVE PLANETS WITH RARE ENERGIES TO AUGMENT HIS POWER. THOR EVACUATED THE INHABITANTS OF THE FIRST FOUR, BUT WHEN THEY REACHED THE FIFTH PLANET, THEY FOUND THE BLACK WINTER ALREADY THERE.

DESPERATE FOR THE FINAL BURST OF ENERGY HE NEEDED, GALACTUS IMMEDIATELY CONSUMED THE PLANET KRYO, MURDERING ITS CITIZENS. THOR WAS FURIOUS, BUT FOCUSED HIS ENERGY ON FIGHTING THE WINTER.

UNTIL THE WINTER REVEALED ITS DARKEST SECRET YET: IT HAS NOT COME FOR THOR'S WORLD, BUT FOR GALACTUS HIMSELF. FOR GALACTUS...IS THE HERALD OF THE BLACK WINTER.

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NOW...

YOU
LIE!!!

I NEVER
LIE, GALAN.

I MADE
YOU A PROMISE
ALL OF THOSE
EONS AGO.

I SPARE
YOU. YOU
SERVE ME.

IT IS *YOU*
WHO HAVE LIED.
YOU WHO HAS
BEEN RUNNING
FROM YOUR
FATE!

I HAVE
SEARCHED
FOR YOU FOR EONS, GALAN!
AND I FIND *YOU* HERE,
HIDING IN THIS DOOMED
UNIVERSE. I GAVE YOU
POWERS BEYOND
IMAGINING!

AND NOW I
HAVE COME TO
COLLECT!!!

BOOO

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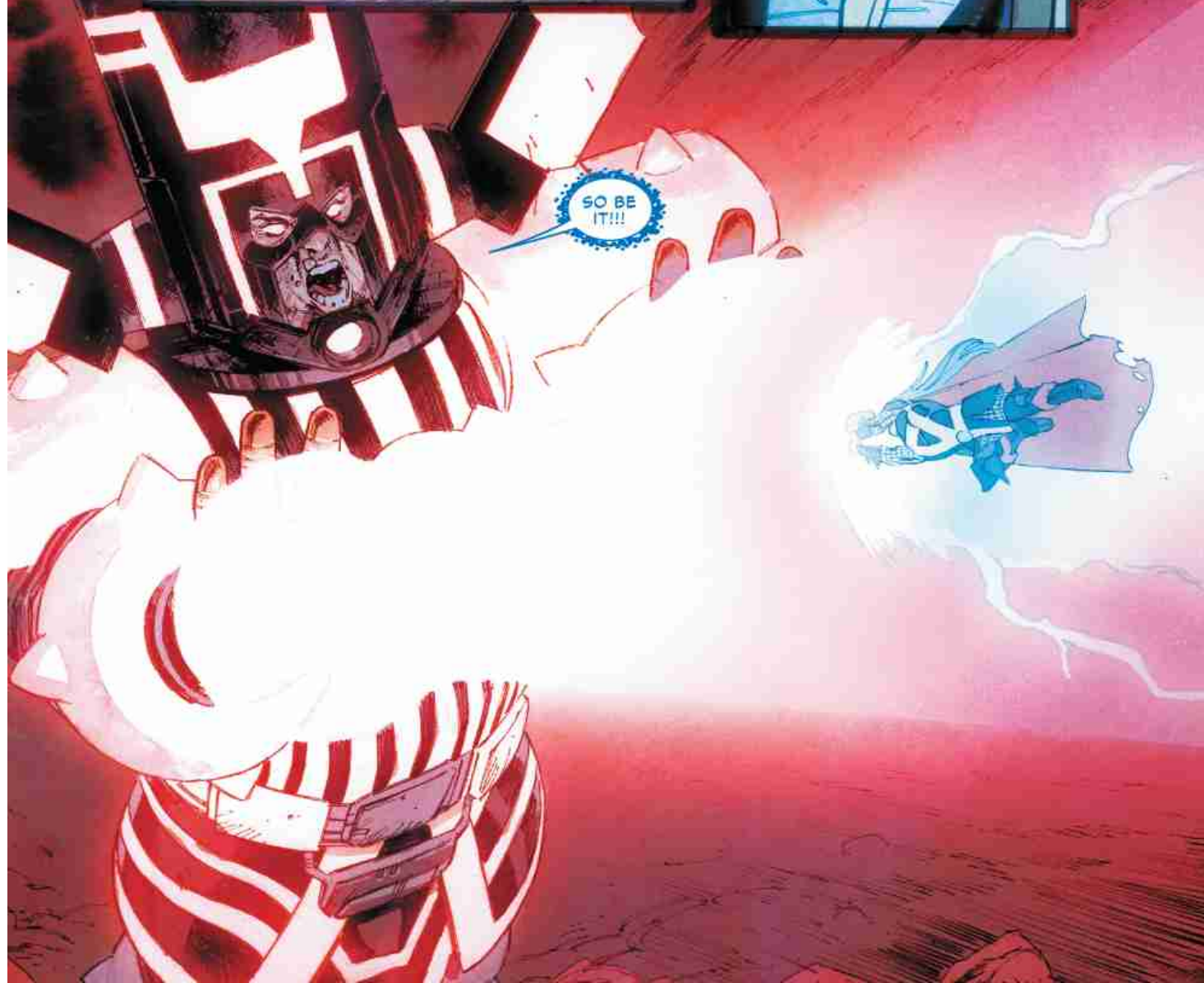


TH-THOR...

QUICKLY,
WHILE THE BLACK
WINTER IS IN THIS
FORM, WE
MUST--



STAY
DOWN.





I AM MORE
POWERFUL
THAN I HAVE
EVER BEEN.
LITTLE GOD!

YOU
HAVE NEVER
FACED SUCH
POWER!

POWER I **ALLOWED** YOU
TO HAVE, DEVOURER!
POWER YOU HAVE
STOLEN!

YOU HAVE LIED
TO ME! PLAYED ME
LIKE A PAWN IN A
BATTLE I DID
NOT BEGIN.

I AM THE SON OF ODIN.
KING OF ASGARD. RULER
OF THE TEN
REALMS.

GOD OF
THUNDER AND
THE STORM.

AND
YOU...

YOU ARE
THE ERRAND
BOY OF A
HAILSTORM.







GALAN OF TAA. ON BEHALF OF
THE COUNTLESS PLANETS YOU
HAVE DESTROYED AND LAID
BARREN IN YOUR
WAKE...

FOR
ARCHEOPIA. FOR
MASSIKRON. FOR
ELYNORE-143. FOR
DRAVEN-BARR.

FOR
CLYPSE. FOR
SYLUS. FOR IO-X4.
FOR VANYSH IVII.
FOR KRYO.

FOR
KORBIN.

FOR
ZENN-LA.

FOR
EARTH.

FOR
ASGARD.



I SENTENCE
YOU TO
DEATH.

KRA

And then...

...On a nameless
and barren moon,
far beyond the
fields we know...

YOU...
YOU HAVE
NO IDEA...

...WHAT...
YOU HAVE
DONE...

...the Devourer's shadow
fell long under the burning
cosmic fire of Thor.

God of
Thunder.



King of
Asgard.



YOU HAVE
MY GRATITUDE,
ODINSON.

NOW MOVE
ASIDE.

I WILL
TAKE GALAN
AND LEAVE YOUR
UNIVERSE TO
ITS OWN
FATE.



Herald of
none.

YOU
WILL TAKE
NOTHING.

DO NOT TEST
ME, ODINSON!
MY FIGHT IS NOT
WITH YOU OR
YOUR DOOMED
UNIVERSE!

I WILL
HAVE WHAT IS
MINE! GALACTUS
IS OF NO USE
TO YOU!

NAV!

GALACTUS
SERVES ME
YET!

Galaxies away, children
wake up screaming to
the sound of thunder.

Its voice roaring and
crashing across
the void.

AS WHAT?
A TROPHY?! A
SLAVE?! WHAT
WOULD YOU HAVE
GALACTUS THE WORLD-
EATER SERVE YOU
AS, LITTLE GOD?!
TELL ME!



And then...behind it,
screaming in the
darkness...

A BOMB.

...there was lightning.

And burning inside of it, the full might of the immeasurable Power Cosmic...

...the bleeding life force of a universal constant...

...the energy of a hundred thousand devoured worlds.

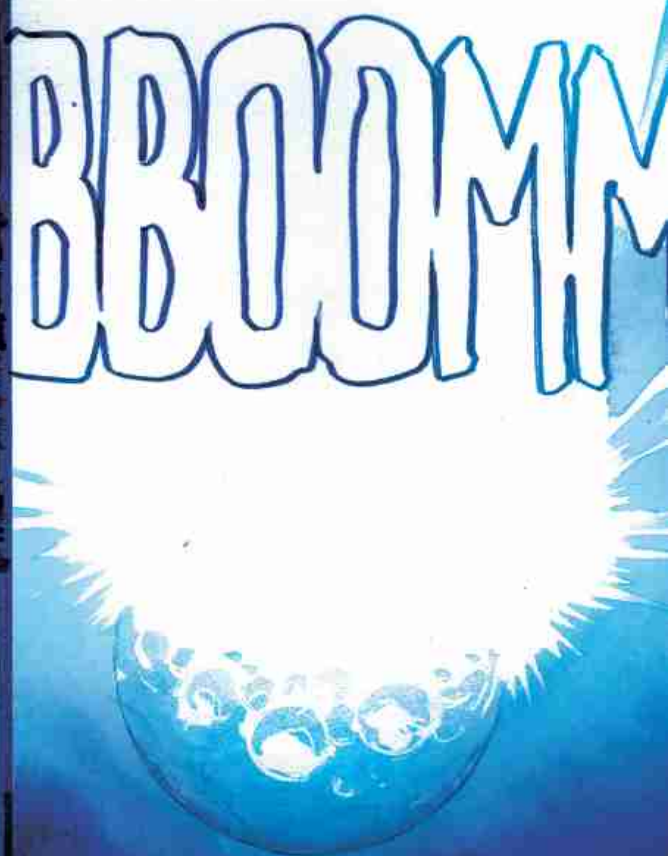


All of it...

...unleashed...



...by a god made king.



And then, in the falling
ash of winter, amid
the graveyard of a
world destroyer...



...there
was Thor...



...and the end
of everything.





ASGARD.



I WILL SAY...THERE IS A PART OF ME THAT FEELS...

...MOURNFUL... FOR GALAN. TO KNOW THAT HIS JOURNEY BEGAN SUCH AS MINE...

I'LL SPARE NO TEARS FOR ONE OF HIS KIND, NORRIN. WHAT IS DONE IS DONE.

YES. AND NEEDED DOING...

BUT...

FORGIVE ME. BUT... I MUST ASK...

THOR, WHEN YOU LOOKED INTO IT, WHEN THE BLACK WINTER SHOWED YOU YOUR ONE TRUE END...

WHAT DID IT SHOW YOU?

...WHAT DID YOU SEE?







QUOTH THE RAVENS: THE HUGINN & MUNINN SHOW

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A sorrowful end for a triumphant battle, no? With a weight like that upon the shoulders, I wonder why any man (or woman) should desire to be king. I'll keep my ravenly status and be grateful.

Great stories elicit great emotion, Huginn. As tha knows, though ravens are rare to tears. But enough mourning. We have constituents waiting for replies, we do!

Across the stars lightning erupts, and from the thunderbolt comes...KRAKOOOOM...THOR! Only he can save us from the Black Winter. At his aid are Donny Cates and Nic Klein, the rightful heirs to the mighty pens and pencils that create Thor's path to greatness and badassery. The saga continues. **THE BLACK WINTER IS COMING. KRAKOOOM!**

Paari Kanagasabai

Aye, Paari, the thunder has proven to have the last word... this time.

Dear Thor team,

I knew it. I always knew that Donny Cates would be the one taking the creative reins of the God of Thunder's book. And I can't be happier and more excited about it! Donny Cates is one of the best writers in Marvel right now and one of the best writers in comics. He has been blowing me away since **THANOS WINS**, and by the looks of it, he doesn't have any plans to stop. His version of Thor is mythologically epic, and I couldn't love it more. He truly is the worthy successor of the stories by Lee and Kirby. And Nic Klein's drawings are a sight to behold! I have never

seen art like that! He is a master of his craft. Please keep him on the book for the very long haul. And finally, can Matthew Wilson please get his due as one of the best colorists of our time?

Keep thundering,
Carlos

A prophet, eh? May more of your visions come true, Carlos. As for those worthy of further praise, 'tis no doubt Wilson deserves a crown.

"The Devourer King" is one of the best storylines in Thor's history! Bravo! When Sif summons the Bifrost and sends Mjolnir away—especially the panel with Thor in the back with fists clenched, head down and the three dots in a balloon—made me laugh my butt off! This is a great storyline. The TBC with Loki was genius! I needed this one! 'Nuff said!

Thank you much!

Leon
Rhode Island
Fan for over 50 years!

I got a cackle of my own from Lady Sif's bold defiance, Leon—but don't you be telling the king now. Thanks for your missive and devotion.

Hi, Donny,

I just finished reading **THOR #4**. This book gets better and better every time! I love your **VENOM** and **GUARDIANS** stuff, and you can't forget the Cosmic Ghost Rider, the character you can't not love. Loving this Galactus stuff and Thor as a herald. Genius! One of my favorite things to do is read comics, and I have so much fun reading your stuff. The art by Nic Klein is so powerful and awesome looking. Definitely

some of the best art coming out at the moment. **THOR** is easily my favorite book coming out at the moment. If anyone is worthy to lift a title like Thor, it's you, Donny. Keep up the incredible work!

Matias
Australia

A true follower of a stalwart king! We shall pass on your praises, dear Matias.

Oh, mysterious ravens,

I've been reading of Thor's adventures since the '70s. In the current storyline, issue #4, May 2020, the narrator tells us of the unbreakable magic placed upon Mjolnir long ago. How can this be relevant when Mjolnir was just unmade (not the first time for me) during the Aaron/Dauterman run just a few scant months ago? Also, the current Mjolnir was just recently made anew by Thor with no mention of any enchantments whatsoever. What say you, oh wise ravens? My mind spins and would be eased by your good counsel.

Jim Buck

A sharp eye here, no doubt! But I'm afraid neither Muninn nor I can divulge the hammer's secrets. Old enchantments it carries, aye—and a few new ones, I'd wager.

Well, we CAN say that next month's issue brings fresh tidings of the hammer's—

Muninn! What did I say?!

...Aye, aye. Sorry, Jim. I did try.

With the appearance of the Lady Sif at the end of **THOR #3**,

I had expected a knockdown battle with King Thor. But, alas, that was not to be. What did occur was a kind of fortunate intervention for the combatants. I believe Thor was readying the killing blow. The scenario where Loki lifts Mjolnir was obviously a setup for a future story. I eagerly look forward to it. The scene where Thor takes the Power Cosmic forcefully from Galactus took me by surprise. I didn't expect him to take it so abruptly. Even Galactus seemed astonished at Thor's audacity. That the Devourer didn't take immediate issue with Thor's actions gave me pause. He was obviously absorbed with the task of devouring the remaining planets so as to confront the Black Winter with sufficient power. This Black Winter seems like some kind of sentient black and shadowy storm that annihilates everything in its path. As I've come to understand, whole realities are decimated by this entity. Is it a force of nature? Is it part of the cosmic scheme of things? That last panel of the issue depicting the shadowy form of the Black Winter revealed a semblance of a face. It left me with an overwhelming sense of exhilaration and anticipation. THOR #5 is sure to be filled with all manner of revelations along with action-packed cosmic battle scenes. Thanks to Nic Klein and Matthew Wilson for your superb artwork. And, of course, thanks to Donny Cates for the story thus far.

Robert Greg Espinosa
Stockton, CA

Here, a man content to wait and see. Much appreciation for your regular writings, Robert, and I wish you luck as I write this, for THOR #6 is not for the faint of heart.

I gave issue #1 a try, and I was intrigued enough to make it through the next issue, and then the third. The inclusion of Beta Ray Bill got me very interested, but the reveal at the end of issue

#3 sealed it for me. Lady Sif made me put this book on my standing order. Donny Cates is weaving a very interesting story, and guest appearances aside, I'm looking forward to seeing where he goes from here. Back to guest appearances though... Any chance of seeing Red Norvell in the book? I've seen very little of him since about the '90s.

All the best,
Maarten Bouw
Melbourne, Australia

Guest appearances aplenty are in the works, Maarten. I cannot promise Red's revival, but I can swear to my lord's commitment to excitement.

And that's all the wind can carry this month, oh devotees of Asgard. There are many changes in store as we put the Black Winter behind us. Muninn, would you like to do the honors?

Indeed! It's my great pleasure to announce an exhilarating guest for the next two issues. Young Gun artist Aaron Kuder spills a tale of wheat fields and hammers as our lord Thor returns to his one-time home in Broxton, Oklahoma!

In the meanwhile, Nic Klein fevers away on the upcoming "Prey" arc. 'Tis not to be missed, True Believers!

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